

MAILS
From San Francisco:
Lurline, Aug. 24.
For San Francisco:
Persia, Aug. 23.
From Vancouver:
Makura, Sept. 8.
For Vancouver:
Nagara, Sept. 17.

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

2:30
Edition

Evening Bulletin, Est. 1882, No. 6250
Hawaiian Star, Vol. XXIII, No. 7291

12 PAGES—HONOLULU, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1915.—12 PAGES.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

CITY MANAGER PLAN IS FAVORED BY DES MOINES MAYOR AS MOST EFFICIENT

No. 4 in Series of Letters From Mainland Municipalities is By Mayor Hanna of Des Moines—How to Make Employees Realize Their Jobs are Based on the Work Done—Healthy Rivalry Between Departments—Suggestions Made are Very Timely in View of Honolulu's Coming Convention

The Star-Bulletin publishes below No. 4 in the series of letters from mainland mayors and other city officials upon model city charters. The letters are the result of a country-wide inquiry directed by the Star-Bulletin, to secure the experiences of mainland cities as suggestions for the charter revision convention which meets next month to revise Honolulu's charter.

The letters previously published have been:

No. 1. From Mayor Albee of Portland, Oregon.

No. 2. From Mayor Fassett of Spokane, Wash.

No. 3. From Mayor Favett, of Tacoma, Wash.

No. 4. From Mayor James R. Hanna of Des Moines, Iowa. Des Moines is one of the country's leaders in the commission form of city government. The "Des Moines plan" is often spoken of as a good model for other cities. Though approving of many of its results, Mayor Hanna, as he states below, is inclined to favor the further development—the city manager plan. He writes:

"Des Moines, Ia., August 6, 1915.

"Mr. Riley H. Allen,
"Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Honolulu,
Hawaii.

"Dear Sir: As you are aware Des Moines adopted the commission form of government eight years ago, under which we have been operating now more than seven years. We have found it a vast improvement over the old form of municipal government. It has some short-comings, but the remarkable thing is the general effectiveness of the system. The objections are mainly individual and personal and no considerable number unite on making any one change. In my opinion the initiative and referendum are especially desirable. Without them and the recall commission government with its vast powers might be too autocratic and oppressive. With these safeguards, no form of government can be more democratic in spirit. Together with the abolition of ward lines, party lines, star chamber sessions and granting franchises without approval by popular vote they most thoroughly enthroned the popular opinion. This, of course, is the essence of democracy, that is, the will of the people is carried into effect by the governing body.

"The city manager plan in connection with commission government I am looking to to bring about still further improvements. This plan has been in operation at Dayton and Springfield, Ohio, for a year or more under the title of the 'commission manager' plan and has made an excellent record in both these cities.

"To my way of thinking, the two chief defects of commission government, as generally found, is a certain lack of unity in administration and the fact that the job hunter is still left on the back of the elective officer. The commission manager plan offers a remedy for both these defects. A city council consisting of five or seven men elected at large, acting as a committee of the whole on all questions would tend to develop

(Continued on page two)

WAYNE GOING TO HILO TO START DRAINAGE JOB

Formal 20 Day Notices Will Be Served in Connection With Waialama Project

Special Agent Will Wayne of the public works department leaves tomorrow for Hilo, and Monday he will officially start a \$100,000 reclamation project at the Waialama swamps on behalf of the territory. At the same time Assistant Superintendent of Public Works A. C. Wheeler will make the trip to Hilo and will look over the ground from an engineer's point of view.

The law requires that notice be served on owners of property to be reclaimed, calling upon them to start work filling and draining land already declared unsalutary by the territorial board of health, and if, after 20 days from the date notice has been served, the property owners have not actually commenced work reclaiming their lands, the department of public works steps in and does the work, levying the cost of the improvement against the property.

Special Agent Wayne will serve these notices Monday. The formal notices have been printed and signed by Superintendent Charles R. Forbes. Besides looking over the Waialama swamps, Mr. Wheeler will inspect all territorial engineering work on the Big Island. This includes the Kuluho wharf, the proposed new Kuluho road and the Chin Chuck road, which is about six miles from Hilo.

Iron Fence

Structural and Ornamental Iron
H. E. HENDRICK, LTD.
Merchant and Alakea Sts.

PEARL HARBOR AND GUAM FOR BIG NAVY BASES

That is Congressman Britten's Idea, After Tour of Hawaii and Philippine Islands

SAYS APPROPRIATIONS HAVE BEEN INADEQUATE

Hawaii Base Should Be Greatly Strengthened and \$40,000,000 Put Into Guam

Two great naval bases for Uncle Sam in the Pacific ocean—one at Pearl Harbor, the other at Guam—is the idea of Congressman Fred A. Britten of Illinois, member of the house committee on naval affairs.

He is now in Japan after a tour of the Pacific, visiting Hawaii, Guam and every one of the principal Philippine islands. He is quoted in the Japan Advertiser as saying:

"The United States needs two strong bases in the Pacific, one at Pearl Harbor, where there is already a pretty good base, and the other at Guam. This island could be made the Heligoland of the Pacific, almost absolutely impregnable. It would be a great submarine base, and in case of war with any Asiatic power, or with any European power that sought to attack the United States by way of the Suez canal, it would be an outpost that no navy would care to take troop ships past. Equipped with the large modern submarines, it would be most dangerous first line of defense for any enemy to go up against.

"The present coaling and supply station at Guam could be made into the base I am thinking of, at a cost of about \$40,000,000. In the first place the harbor would have to be enlarged and cleared of the reefs, that now make it dangerous for large vessels. Then it would have to be equipped with the necessary supply ships and tenders. The present naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is in fair shape but the appropriations of the last few Congresses have been totally inadequate.

Expected Navy Construction
"Mr. Britten is the original advocate of the 'three battleships a year' policy. Although he does not expect this policy to be adopted soon, he is confident that the next Congress, which he is sure will be Republican, will begin a constructive naval policy. He intimated that in the next session the New York Democrats may bolt their party and join the Republicans because of dissatisfaction of the patronage. In this case, he says, the Guam naval base is almost sure to be established.

"While he was discussing home politics, Mr. Britten dropped a few hints

(Continued on page two)

TERRITORY HAS NO FUND TO PAY FOR INSURANCE

Treasurer Will Seek Permission To Make Premium Payments From Contingent Fund

When the 1915 legislature passed the workmen's compensation bill, with a special section making the territory and all its political subdivisions responsible under the act on an equal basis with any private employer, it overlooked the fact that the passage of the act with such a provision requires the territory to expend many dollars for insurance and so the legislature failed to make an appropriation for this "item."

Now the territorial officials are confronted with an act that compels the territory to carry insurance against accidents to its employees, and it has no money with which to pay the premiums. Territorial Treasurer Charles J. McCarthy suggests that the government be petitioned for permission to make the premium payments out of the contingent fund, until the next session of the legislature.

However, Col. McCarthy has requested all heads of territorial departments to meet with him in the office of the superintendent of public works on Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock to discuss the act and to make arrangements towards getting insurance and the money to pay the premiums with.

"I asked if local insurance company, or rather if volunteered," said the treasurer today, "for a classification of some of the territorial department employees are requested to do the same thing. When that is done we can get some sort of an estimate on what it will cost the territory to take out workmen's compensation insurance. Personally I favor taking out insurance as in consideration of the fact that no appropriation was made for this by the legislature, I do not think the territory ought to risk a run of bad luck and accidents to its employees by carrying its own insurance."

FRUIT FLY SOON TO BE AT MERCY OF SCIENTISTS

Two Years of Investigation in Hawaii Has Revealed Entire Life History of Pest

PINK BOLL WORM HAS NO MORE UNGUESSED SECRETS

Dr. L. O. Howard Delighted With Accomplishments Here; Praises Quarantine System

Two years of investigation and research into the life and habits of the Mediterranean fruit fly are now coming to a successful conclusion, and by October the pink cotton-boll worm's life history and character will also be known absolutely as the result of work which has been going on quietly in Honolulu.

It is the Mediterranean fruit fly which makes so rigid the prohibition against sending any Hawaiian fruits other than pineapples and bananas to the mainland, and which makes the culture of a number of fruits impossible in Hawaii. The boll worm ruined Hawaii's prospects of making a profitable industry of cotton growing just at the time the business gave every promise of paying well.

This announcement, which means a big gain in knowledge preliminary to finding a remedy for both dangerous insect pests, was made today by Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the bureau of entomology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, following his stay of a week here to see what has been done by the bureau's staff of investigators.

"I am pleased to state that our research work here has been going on very nicely," said Dr. Howard this morning at the "Sugar Planters' experiment station, where he bade goodbye to the staff employed there in the course of visits to various places of interest today, including the College of Hawaii and the Federal experiment station.

"Dr. Back and Mr. Pemberton, two of our scientists from Washington, have just about completed their study of the life history and habits of the Mediterranean fruit fly after two years of work. Mr. Back will have finished his investigation of the pink

(Continued on page two)

MRS. SPRECKELS SOON TO BECOME MRS. WAKEFIELD

Prominent San Franciscans Await Cable From Coast Before Beginning Honeymoon

Honolulu's cupid works fast, sometimes, but in the case of Mrs. Edith Spreckels and Frank W. Wakefield, both of San Francisco and now visitors in Hawaii, the little winged god has broken the record.

Mrs. Spreckels' divorce from J. D. Spreckels, Jr., son of the California capitalist, became effective on August 22, just two days ago, and today Mrs. Spreckels and Mr. Wakefield made application for a marriage license. It was reported that they were to be married at once and would leave for the volcano on their honeymoon tomorrow morning.

Mr. Wakefield denied this today. He said that they have not yet decided when the marriage will take place. "I don't even know myself," he declared. "I am awaiting a cablegram from the coast. We probably will know by tomorrow morning."

Shortly after Mrs. Spreckels' arrival in Honolulu about five weeks ago the Star-Bulletin announced that she would be married to Mr. Wakefield, who was then in San Francisco, soon after August 22. Mr. Wakefield arrived in Honolulu about three weeks ago.

The marriage license records at the city treasurer's office show that the ceremony was to have been performed by District Magistrate Monsarrat. However, Palmer Woods, license clerk, said this afternoon that the wedding cannot be held until the receipt of further advices from the coast as to the finality of the divorce decrees issued to both parties. "This evidence, it is presumed, will be sent by cable."

Both Mrs. Spreckels and Mr. Wakefield have been extensively entertained here and each has made many friends. Mrs. Spreckels as Miss Edith Huntington was one of California's most beautiful and accomplished maids, and after her marriage to "Jack" Spreckels continued as a society leader in California and elsewhere.

Several social affairs, it was reported today, are being planned locally after her marriage to Mr. Wakefield.

SUGAR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 4.71 cents. Previous quotation, 4.88 cents.

GERMANY ASKS U. S. TO WAIT FACTS ON SINKING OF ARABIC

ITALIAN PREMIER WHO FORCES WAR ON TURKS



Cignor Salandra. His aggressive diplomatic policy has led to the break between Italy and Turkey and may sway Rumania to the side of the Allies.

GERMANY DENIES BIG NAVAL LOSS

Says Not Much Damage Done in Battle of Riga and Way Cleared for Teuton Approach

The following official cablegram from German official sources was received today:

"German admiralty reports: On August 21 German naval forces entered Riga bay, after having cleared the way of mine fields and not works in several days' work.

In a vanguard movement a Russian torpedo boat of the Emirbuchar class was destroyed and others and a large ship damaged. The Russians retreated into Moon bay. The gunboats Saivutsh and Koreyets were sunk by German artillery fire and attacking torpedo boats. Forty men, among whom were two officers of the crew, were saved and three German torpedo boats damaged by mines. One was sunk and one stranded and one brought to harbor. The German loss in lives was small."

NOBODY COULD RECOGNIZE WHO LYNCHED FRANK

Witnesses at Coroner's Inquest Could Not Identify Anybody

[Associated Press by Federal Wire] MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 24.—Little consideration was needed by the coroner's jury to find that it could not discover the identity of the 28 men who lynched Leo M. Frank last week. The coroner's jury held a session here today. In three minutes after retiring to consider its verdict it returned with the finding that "Frank came to his death by hanging at the hands of parties unknown."

Officials testified that it was impossible to identify the lynchers. W. J. Frey, owner of the ranch on which stood the tree where Frank was hanged, testified that he saw a party of men pass the house but did not recognize any of the members.

J. A. Benson, a merchant, said that he passed autos parked alongside the road at the scene of the lynching but that he did not stop. "I had suspicions of what was occurring," he said, but added that he did not recognize any of the members of the vigilance committee.

CARRANZA DRAWING FAMILIES TO MEXICO

(Hawaii Shipno by Federal Wire) LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 24.—Gen. Carranza's offer of amnesty is drawing families back into Mexico. The terms of the amnesty are unknown.

TAFT AT EXPOSITION

[Associated Press by Federal Wire] SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 24.—Ex-President Taft is due here tonight. He will speak at the exposition.

BERNSTORFF REQUESTS TIME; "NO INTENTION OF KILLING AMERICANS," HE DECLARES

JAPAN, CARRYING OUT PLANS TO AID ALLIES, BEGINS RUSHING MUNITIONS TO EUROPE TO EKE OUT SCANT SUPPLY—GERMANS TAKE MORE RUSSIAN PRISONERS—THREE LOADED GERMAN TRANSPORTS SUNK AT RIGA WITH HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE—SUBMARINES ARE ACTIVE

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wire]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—Through the German ambassador to the United States, Germany asks the United States to withhold decision as to the responsibility in the Arabic case until there is a fuller presentation of facts.

Ambassador Count von Bernstorff has communicated with Secretary of State Lansing the hope of his government that America will take no stand in regard to the Arabic sinking until the facts are known.

Germany claims that as yet it has been unable to get a full report from the submarine commander and others. Count von Bernstorff says that "it is not the intention of Germany to kill Americans or sink peaceful merchant vessels in a flagrant manner."

Three Loaded German Transports Destroyed in Riga Gulf Battle

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 24.—In the gulf of Riga battle, three loaded German transports approached the shore before the Russians fired. Shells from the shore batteries destroyed the transports, sinking all of them, and the life-boats, crowded with soldiers, were demolished.

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"A German submarine on August 19 torpedoed and sank a Russian auxiliary ship at the entrance to the gulf of Finland.

"A German patrol boat was attacked on the night of August 23-24 off Zeebrugge by two enemy destroyers, and was sunk after a gallant defense. Part of the crew were saved."

Hill Near Brest Litovsk is Taken

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 24.—Official.—A Russian auxiliary ship has been sunk by a German submarine in the gulf of Finland.

The German troops advancing through Poland have taken the hill of Kopytow, southwest of Brest Litovsk. On the west front, a French biplane has been downed near Dixmude.

At Kovno 3800 prisoners and eight guns were taken, and at Kleszeze 4500 prisoners and nine guns.

Japanese Factories Rush Munitions

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 24.—Giving evidence of its intention to carry out at once its promise of more active aid to the Allies, the Japanese government has ordered the arms and ammunition factories to rush their work. Additional forces are being taken on and the output of war material in a short time will be greatly augmented.

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 24.—Count Okuma and Lieut.-gen. Oka, minister of war, are in conference today with Emperor Yoshihito at his summer villa at Nikko. The conference is reported to be on an important matter.

(The above cable caused a considerable amount of speculation among local Japanese when received today by the Shimpu. It is believed that the conference has some connection with the Associated Press despatch received yesterday by the Star-Bulletin from Tokio to the effect that Japan was coming to the aid of Russia and her allies in a systematic way.)

[Additional Telegraph Despatches on Page 9]

NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW WHEN PART OF QUEEN STREET WAS FIRST FIXED

In 1904, Says Contractor, Others Say Later; Petitioners Have Closed Test Case

The petitioner in the injunction suit brought by Raymond C. Brown against the city and county, the supervisors and other municipal officers, rested his case in Circuit Judge Stuart's court this morning. Indications are that the suit, which has been on trial since last Friday, will be brought to a speedy end.

Prior to closing, the attorney for the petitioner called J. L. Young of the Lord-Young Engineering Company to the stand for further examination. He said that the use of a layer of No. 2 rock on a layer No. 1 rock was not the universal method for constructing the foundation of a road.

"Would the use of 1.8 gallons of asphalt to a square yard of pavement, used as a binder, be sufficient to hold a road together?" inquired Attorney J. W. Cathcart, counsel for the respondents.

"It would make a good road," answered Mr. Young. "Is 1.8 gallons the least that could be used to make a good road?" "You could use more or less. It would depend how hot you made the asphalt," was the answer.

This was in reference to the city

and county's work on the portion of Queen street between the Nuuanu stream and the Iwilei road. It was reported that the city used 1.8 gallons of asphalt to the square yard as a binder.

The respondents opened their case

(Continued on page two)

MELBA COMING BACK FOR
FORTNIGHT IN FEBRUARY

Madame Melba, the great soprano now in Honolulu, likes the city and the Hawaiian islands so well that she has decided to re-arrange her itinerary in such a manner as to be able to return to the islands next February, at from Australia expressly to spend a night here.

More than that the famous diva will be met here by her son and daughter-in-law, who will come up from Australia expressly to spend two weeks here with Melba.

Melba, who gives her second evening concert here this evening, leaves tomorrow on the Matsonia for the mainland, to be in a concert tour, which will carry her clear to northeast New England.